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*I DO NOT EXPECT
TO STIMULATE OR CREATE HEROISM
BY THIS FUND, KNOWING WELL
THAT HEROIC ACTION
IS IMPULSIVE; BUT I DO BELIEVE
THAT, IF THE HERO IS INJURED IN
HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE
OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,
HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT
UPON HIM SHOULD
NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.*

ANDREW CARNEGIE

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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DEED OF TRUST
TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION:

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

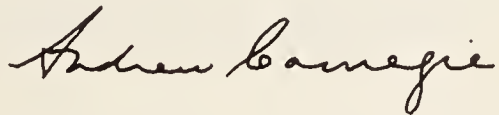
SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc., and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.



NEW YORK, MARCH 12TH, 1904
WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of the rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 1993

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CITED BY THE
CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION IN 1993 FOR HAVING PERFORMED
OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM. IN EACH CASE,
A CARNEGIE MEDAL AND A \$2,500 GRANT WERE AWARDED.

RANDY LEE ARTZ HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Randy Lee Artz helped to save a woman from drowning, Ocean City, Maryland, August 8, 1992. A 27-year-old woman jumped into the Isle of Wight Bay and was carried by a swift current toward the nearby Atlantic Ocean inlet. On his vacation in a bayside condominium, Artz, 34, shift leader, was alerted to the situation, and he immediately ran along the bay to get ahead of the woman. After running a block, Artz boarded a cruise boat docked in the bay and jumped into the water. He swam to the woman, grasped her around the waist, and began to kick his way back in. As the current pulled them closer to the inlet, Artz shouted for help to employees of a restaurant alongside the bay. They threw him one end of a rope, which he wrapped around an arm, then pulled him and the woman to the edge of the water and helped them out of the bay. Artz sustained abrasions to his feet and chest; he recovered. 67088-7715

BILL BAKER, JR. BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

Bill Baker, Jr., saved James S. Swinnie, Alice C. Moody, and Georgia D. Dixon from burning, Brunswick, Georgia, April 16, 1992. Swinnie, 60, and his sister, Ms. Moody, 62, were with their mother, Ms. Dixon, 81, inside the mother's one-story, wooden house when fire broke out in one of the bedrooms. Driving by, Baker, 49, custodian, saw smoke issuing from the house and stopped at the scene. Told by a neighbor that the house was occupied, Baker kicked open the front door and entered. He crawled through thick smoke and intense heat into the living room, where he found Swinnie lying on the floor. Baker pulled Swinnie to the front door, then crawled further into the house and found Ms. Moody in an adjoining room.

He took her outside, then entered the house again and searched for Ms. Dixon, whom he found in a bedroom. He dragged her to safety. Swinnie, Ms. Moody, and Ms. Dixon were treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and they recovered. Baker developed discomfort in his lungs but recovered in two days. 66784-7711

MARY BURGETT BAKER
KIMBALL, MICHIGAN

Mary Burgett Baker saved Melanie D. Bosman and Kristen G. Dysinger from an impending explosion, Marysville, Michigan, January 21, 1993. Melanie, 17, and Kristen, 16, were in a tanning room in the basement level of a beauty salon during a sudden, major leak of natural gas into a nearby utility room. Ms. Baker, 34, registered nurse, was on the main floor of the salon when she was alerted to the leak. Knowing that the girls were in the basement, she immediately went downstairs and shouted for them to flee. As she passed the utility room, the gas exploded, hitting Ms. Baker with flames and debris and setting fire to the building. The girls, uninjured, fled to the main level, then evacuated the building, as did Ms. Baker. She was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for acute first-degree burns to her face, arms, and hands. She missed work for more than a week, but she fully recovered. 67508-7770

ABELINO BARBOSA
BROWNS MILLS, NEW JERSEY

Abelino Barbosa rescued a woman from assault, Browns Mills, New Jersey, May 25, 1993. A 35-year-old woman was in her apartment with her two young daughters when, at night, a man armed with a knife broke into the apartment and began to attack her. A neighbor, Barbosa, 44, driver and guard, heard the woman's shouts for help. Barbosa ran to her apartment and entered. When he confronted the assailant, the assailant punched him. The two men then struggled violently, allowing the woman and her daughters to flee the apartment. Barbosa restrained the assailant and held him to the floor until police arrived and arrested him. Both Barbosa and the woman required hospital treatment for cuts and bruises. 67873-7778

TERREATHA LEANN BARNES
LA FAYETTE, GEORGIA

Terreatha LeAnn Barnes rescued Corey L. Osburne and others from a runaway automobile, La Fayette, Georgia, April 19, 1992. Corey, 6, and two other children were inside a station wagon parked in a driveway when the car began to drift backward toward the street. A neighbor, Terreatha, 11, student, who was nearby, saw the situation and immediately ran to the car. Catching up to it as it entered the street, she opened the front passenger door, and, as the car continued across the street, broke through a fence, and went over an embankment, she entered it and applied the brakes with her hands, taking the car to a stop. Requiring surgery for a fractured jaw sustained during the rescue, Terreatha was hospitalized overnight. She recovered. 66787-7713

SUZANNE BEAUCHER
WINDSOR, QUEBEC

Suzanne Beaucher rescued a girl from assault, Windsor, Quebec, June 23, 1992. A 13-year-old girl and her brother, 11, were riding bicycles in a wooded area of a municipal park when a man surprised and stabbed the brother. The girl interceded, struggled against the assailant, and called for help. From nearby, Ms. Beaucher, 35, homemaker, heard the girl scream. Ms. Beaucher approached the assailant and yelled at him to stop; when he did not, she jumped on his back, grasped him by the neck, and pulled on him. The assailant turned to Ms. Beaucher and stabbed her in the chest, then fled the scene. He was later apprehended by police. The girl required hospital treatment for her injuries, and she recovered; her brother died of his stab wounds. Ms. Beaucher was hospitalized three days for treatment of her stab wound, from which she recovered. 66954-7746

JEAN-YVES BERNARD
LANESVILLE, NEW YORK

Jean-Yves Bernard rescued Ruby A. Ramos and helped attempt to rescue Maria C. Perotti-Ramos from the path of a runaway automobile, Lanesville, New York, January 7, 1992. Ruby, 2, and her mother, Ms. Perotti-Ramos,

33, were thrown from a car that was traveling out of control, in reverse, in counterclockwise circles in a grassy area near their home. Both were then struck by the car. Bernard, 32, painter and carpenter, was driving near the scene when he saw the runaway car, its driver's door open. He then saw Ruby, who lay near the outer edge of the car's orbit, and ran to her. Bernard seized Ruby and dragged her to safety, then learned that Ms. Perotti-Ramos remained on the ground, in the path of the circling car. Bernard ran to Ms. Perotti-Ramos, seized her, and, falling repeatedly on the wet, muddy ground, dragged her from the car's path. Helped by another man, Bernard took Ms. Perotti-Ramos to a neighboring garage; the runaway car stopped only when it crashed into the garage a few feet from them. Ruby was hospitalized for a broken leg, and she recovered, but Ms. Perotti-Ramos died of her injuries.

66579-7741

DARREN MICHAEL BEST
RATHDRUM, IDAHO

Darren Michael Best saved Linda M. and Gregory J. Herbert from burning, Hayden, Idaho, March 13, 1992. Ms. Herbert, 46, and her son Gregory, 13, were trapped inside a pickup truck that had turned onto its passenger side and broke into flame during a highway accident. Best, 25, sawmill worker, approached the scene in his own vehicle shortly after the accident and saw Ms. Herbert attempting to climb out of the pickup. He ran to the pickup and forced its windshield loose, then removed it. Despite intense flames issuing from the underside of the pickup, Best reached inside the cab, grasped Ms. Herbert, and helped her out. Then seeing Gregory for the first time, Best knelt inside the cab, which was beginning to burn, and removed Gregory after first freeing his leg. Best helped Gregory walk away from the pickup, which was shortly engulfed in flame. Both Ms. Herbert and Gregory required hospital treatment for injuries sustained in the accident.

66677-7705

JENNIFER C. BEYER
NEW BERLIN, WISCONSIN

Jennifer C. Beyer helped to save Colin C. Deeg from drowning, Appleton, Wisconsin, February 14, 1992. Colin, 9, and a friend were walking on the

ice covering a navigational canal of the Fox River when the ice gave way, plunging them into water six feet deep. The friend crawled out of the open water and ran for help, alerting Ms. Beyer, 22, nanny, who was driving near the scene. Telling the friend to notify authorities, Ms. Beyer went to the canal and walked part way onto the ice to Colin, who was about 45 feet from the bank. When the ice began to crack, she crawled the remaining distance to him. As she attempted to reach Colin, the ice underneath her gave way, and she too fell into the water. After attempting unsuccessfully both to lift Colin onto the solid ice and to break ice toward shore, Ms. Beyer held Colin's head above water with one hand while holding to the edge of the ice with the other. She tired quickly in the cold water, and Colin lost consciousness. Four police officers arrived shortly and removed Colin and Ms. Beyer to safety. Colin was revived and was hospitalized a week for treatment of hypothermia, from which he recovered. Ms. Beyer was also treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and she too recovered.

66580-7697

STANLEY E. BIZEK
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Stanley E. Bizek saved Benjamin C. Lowes from drowning, Grand Marais, Michigan, September 22, 1992. Benjamin, 16, and two friends went to the north end of a breakwall that extended into Lake Superior from its south shore. As winds were strong, the lake was extremely rough, and high waves broke over the wall. The youths were returning to shore when a wave washed them off the breakwall and into the rough, cold water of the lake. Bizek, 24, was on shore watching the youths and saw them enter the lake. He immediately went 800 feet onto the breakwall to a point opposite Benjamin, then partially disrobed and jumped into the water. He swam to Benjamin, secured a hold on him, and returned him to the breakwall, then aided him out of the water. They returned to shore, where Benjamin, who had sustained a cut to one elbow, was taken to the hospital for observation. He recovered. The bodies of his friends were removed from the lake days later.

67206-7721

RICKY WILLIAM BLACK
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Ricky William Black helped to save William G. Crothers from drowning, Kingston, Ontario, July 16, 1992. While boating in Kingston Harbor off Lake Ontario, Crothers, 75, was thrown overboard. His boat continued, traveling out of control in circles, and its propellor struck him, cutting his left arm. Sunbathing on shore, Black, 32, observed the situation. Although he suffered from a condition that progressively weakened his muscles, Black dived, without hesitation, into the lake and swam about 300 feet to Crothers. Two men aboard another boat nearby had also seen Crothers, and they too responded to the scene, where they threw a flotation cushion to him. With Black pushing on him from in the water, Crothers was pulled into the boat by the two men. Black was then aided into the boat. Crothers and Black were taken to shore, where Crothers received hospital treatment for his cut; he recovered. Black, cold and nearly exhausted, recovered after resting.

67063-7760

AUGUST F. BRENNER
HILLSBOROUGH, CALIFORNIA

August F. Brenner helped to rescue David A. Watchous and Stephen K. Kemp from burning, Clifton, Kansas, September 5, 1992. Watchous, 18, was the passenger in an automobile driven by Kemp, 19, that left the roadway, entered a grassy ditch, struck a culvert, and started to burn. An approaching motorist, Brenner, 46, computer consultant, stopped at the scene and attempted to open the driver's door of the burning car, but it was jammed. Although his mobility was somewhat affected by poliomyelitis, Brenner, dressed only in swimming trunks, then positioned himself on the ground next to the passenger side of the car and, bracing himself against it, reached through the open window and seized Watchous. As Kemp aided from inside the car, Brenner pulled Watchous out. Returning to the window, Brenner again reached into the car, despite flames spreading to its interior. With Brenner and Kemp, who was aflame, holding each other's arms, Brenner pulled Kemp from the car, the seats of which soon caught fire. Others arriving by then took Watchous and Kemp farther away from the car. Watchous and Kemp both required hospital treatment for severe injuries, Kemp's including burns to his legs.

67182-7756

PHILLIP DEEVANS BRETZ
BERMUDA DUNES, CALIFORNIA

Phillip DeEvans Bretz helped to rescue Frederick A. Garbutt from burning, Anza, California, August 14, 1992. Garbutt, 28, was trapped in the wreckage of his sport-utility vehicle, which had overturned and caught fire in a highway accident. Driving upon the scene within moments, Bretz, 46, surgeon, stopped and ran to Garbutt's vehicle, where he heard Garbutt scream that he was on fire. Bretz went to the rear of the vehicle, which lay on its passenger side, and entered through the broken-out window of its rear door. He attempted to remove Garbutt, but Garbutt was restrained by his safety belt. Bretz shouted to the others who had arrived that he needed a knife, and a police officer handed him one through the rear window. With flames growing inside the vehicle, Bretz returned to Garbutt, whose seat was aflame, and cut the safety belt, freeing Garbutt. Bretz dragged Garbutt to the rear window, where others helped to pull him out of the vehicle. Bretz and another man dragged Garbutt across the street shortly before the vehicle was engulfed in flame. Garbutt was hospitalized five weeks for third-degree burns and other severe injuries. 67225-7737

SUE L. BREWER
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Sue L. Brewer saved Tyronda D. Willis from burning, Waterbury, Connecticut, March 10, 1992. Tyronda, 3 months old, was in a second-floor bedroom of her babysitter's townhouse apartment when fire broke out on the first floor, in the kitchen. A neighbor, Ms. Brewer, 29, bartender, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene. When told that Tyronda was upstairs, Ms. Brewer immediately entered the apartment and went to the second floor, where accumulating smoke impeded visibility. Ms. Brewer searched unsuccessfully for Tyronda in one bedroom, then in another. Returning to the first bedroom, she located the infant, by touch, on the bed. Ms. Brewer wrapped Tyronda in a blanket, then returned to the first floor and took her outside. Ms. Brewer was treated at the hospital for minor smoke inhalation, from which she recovered. 66667-7740

EDWARD BROADHURST
WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

Edward Broadhurst attempted to save Jacob Hirsch from drowning, Mamaroneck, New York, September 24, 1992. While sailing in his boat on Long Island Sound with three friends, Hirsch, 82, was knocked overboard into the rough water. After his friends could not pull him back on board, one of them, Broadhurst, 69, retired teacher, jumped fully clothed into the water and tied a line to his arm. Broadhurst became separated from the boat, and when the men remaining on board lost sight of him in the six-foot seas, they returned to shore with Hirsch to summon help. For an hour, Broadhurst struggled to return to shore, alternating between swimming and floating on his back. He was then recovered by the Coast Guard and taken to the hospital, where he was detained two days for treatment of pneumonia. He recovered. Hirsch could not be revived. 67218-7751

WILLIAM S. BROWN
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

William S. Brown rescued Glen A. and Marquice T. Boone from burning, Newport News, Virginia, October 21, 1992. Glen, 2, and Marquice, 8 months old, were in their family's two-story apartment when fire broke out in the living room. From nearby, Brown, 30, maintenance worker, saw the flames and ran to the scene. He attempted entry through the apartment's front door into the living room but was driven back by flames. Brown then ran to the rear of the building and entered the apartment through its back door, which opened into the kitchen. Despite dense smoke, Brown crawled into the kitchen, where he found Glen. He pushed Glen in front of him as he crawled back to the door, where he exited, handing Glen to another man. Brown re-entered the apartment and crawled across the kitchen to the living room, where he found Marquice, who lay near the flames. Brown grasped Marquice and removed him from the apartment through the kitchen. Both boys required hospital treatment for effects of the fire, and Brown sought medical treatment for having inhaled smoke. He recovered.

67268-7779

E. VANCE BUNKER
MATINICUS ISLAND, MAINE

E. Vance Bunker helped to save Rudolph H. Musetti and Duane D. Cleaves from drowning, Matinicus Island, Maine, January 16, 1992. Musetti, 57; Cleaves, 54, and another man were on a 70-foot tugboat that became disabled and began to sink in the Atlantic Ocean off Matinicus Island. Bunker, 50, lobsterman, who lived on the island, learned of the situation through emergency radio transmissions and, with two other men, set out in his 36-foot fishing boat to aid the tug's crew. It was dark, and the sea was choppy; high winds combined with extremely cold air to create both a wind chill in excess of 40 degrees below zero and a blanket of dense vapor that severely restricted visibility. A build-up of ice on Bunker's boat further hampered visibility and affected electronic communications. Under those conditions, Bunker and his crew maneuvered to the tug's last known position, en route hearing its final transmission, that the tug was going down. Musetti and his crew, washed by a wave from the upended and sinking vessel, clung to a wooden ladder in the frigid water. After several minutes, Bunker and his crew located them by spotting a beam of light from a flashlight that had frozen to Cleaves's glove. They maneuvered the boat to the victims, then, with difficulty, pulled Musetti and Cleaves aboard. A Coast Guard boat which had been dispatched to the scene rescued the third man. As Bunker took his boat back to the harbor, followed by the Coast Guard vessel, the other two men removed items of their own attire and gave them to Musetti and Cleaves. The three victims, who then spent the night on the island, were severely chilled, but they fully recovered.

67256-7785

JOHN C. CHAPPELL
MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA

John C. Chappell saved Damian A. Chester from drowning, Del City, Oklahoma, June 14, 1992. Damian, 9, fell into swiftly moving Cherry Creek, which was swollen from recent rains, and, unable to leave the creek, he shouted for help as he was swept downstream. Chappell, 28, college student, who lived near the creek, was alerted to the situation. He ran along the concrete channel that contained the creek in that vicinity until he reached a point on the bank ahead of Damian. Positioning himself at the

water line on the sloped wall of the channel, Chappell reached out and grasped Damian when the boy approached, but he was unable to pull him out of the creek because of the force of the current. Maintaining his hold on Damian, Chappell then entered the water and was immediately knocked off his feet and carried downstream. He and Damian were swept by the current about 400 feet, to where Chappell maneuvered them to one of the concrete supports of a bridge that spanned the creek. Straddling the support and grasping it with one hand, Chappell held to Damian with the other as they awaited help. Firefighters who responded shortly rescued Damian with the aid of ropes, and Chappell himself then left the creek. Both he and Damian sustained scratches, and they recovered. 66957-7709

GUY CHARRON
ST. JANVIER, QUEBEC

Guy Charron rescued Pierre N. Dorneval from assault, Laval, Quebec, August 5, 1991. Dorneval, 46, was driving his taxi when his passenger produced a loaded revolver and threatened him with it. Dorneval struggled with the assailant for control of the gun, which fired inside the taxi. Dorneval then steered the taxi into a bus that had arrived at the scene. The driver of the bus, Charron, 51, exited to investigate. He opened the front passenger door of the taxi and learned that the assailant was armed, then shut the door and retreated. Unwilling to ignore Dorneval's call for help, Charron reopened the door and began to struggle with the assailant. He removed the gun from the assailant's grasp and passed it outside the taxi to another man. Charron and Dorneval then restrained the assailant until police arrived and arrested him. 67790-7780

MICHAEL ALEX CHELIK, DECEASED
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Michael Alex Chelik died attempting to save Dorothy C. Chelik from burning, North Arlington, New Jersey, January 19, 1992. Mrs. Chelik, 70, was in her second-floor apartment when fire erupted in the living room early in the morning. Her husband, 72, retired mechanic, who had gone to a store, returned home to find flames issuing from the apartment's front windows. Despite being warned by a neighbor not to enter the burning building,

Chelik hurried inside. A fire chief and police officers who arrived shortly located Mrs. Chelik in the apartment's smoke-filled kitchen and removed her to safety. She was hospitalized for smoke inhalation and died of the injury three months later. Chelik was found by firefighters in one of the apartment's bedrooms; he died of effects of the fire. 66548-7722

SALVATORE J. CIAMBRONE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

Salvatore J. Ciambrone helped to save Latonya Bodford from drowning, Pompano Beach, Florida, September 7, 1992. Latonya, 1, was in the back seat of a car which entered a canal and started to submerge. Ciambrone, 28, automobile mechanic, who lived nearby, saw the accident and ran to the scene. Learning that Latonya was in the car, he immediately dived into the canal and swam to the car, then opened its left rear door. Entering the car, Ciambrone located Latonya and pulled her above the surface of the water. The door had closed behind Ciambrone and he could not open it. As the car continued to sink, he attempted to roll down the door's window but discovered that the windows were electric. With the air space in the car diminishing, Ciambrone moved to the opposite door and, with difficulty, opened it somewhat by pushing it with his back. A man who also had entered the canal swam to that door and helped to open it. Ciambrone handed Latonya to him, and he took her to the opposite bank, which was nearer. Ciambrone then left the car, which shortly submerged, swam to the bank of the canal, and exited it. He recovered from minor injury to his back. 67175-7732

CARLO CLARK
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Carlo Clark saved Virginia G. Hudecek from burning, Belleville, Illinois, August 22, 1992. Ms. Hudecek, 66, returned to her duplex apartment to find that fire had erupted in its kitchen. She entered the smoke-filled apartment and collapsed to the floor, not far from the kitchen door. A neighborhood resident, Carlo, 16, high school student, saw smoke issuing from Ms. Hudecek's apartment and went to the scene. He entered the apartment twice through its front door but withdrew each time because of

smoke and heat conditions. He entered a third time, on his hands and knees, and crawled across the living room, then found Ms. Hudecek. Carlo picked her up, then stood and carried her through the living room and outside to safety. Both he and Ms. Hudecek showed effects of smoke inhalation.

67166-7723

TRAVIS JAY CONNER, DECEASED
EUGENE, OREGON

Travis Jay Conner died helping to save Kaycie L. Geary from drowning, Eugene, Oregon, July 18, 1992. Kaycie, 6, struggled in deep, swift water of the McKenzie River while on a swimming outing with her mother and others. A member of another party at the scene, Conner, 23, carpenter, was alerted to the situation and immediately entered the river. He swam to Kaycie and pushed her toward the bank, then submerged. Kaycie was removed from the river by others. Arriving rescue personnel removed Conner from the bottom of the river. He was taken to the hospital, but he could not be revived.

66976-7749

ROBERT P. COTTER
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

Robert P. Cotter helped to save George W. Lewis from drowning, Monroe, Michigan, July 21, 1992. George, 6, was fishing from his family's boat in Lake Erie a few miles from shore when the railing he was leaning against gave way and he fell into the water. He struggled to stay afloat as the boat drifted away. George's grandfather, Cotter, 60, business consultant, who also was fishing from the boat, immediately jumped into the water and swam to him. He grasped George and began to swim back toward the boat as it continued to drift away. Tiring, he positioned George on his back so that he could swim with both arms, but he became exhausted, lost consciousness, and began to submerge. George's father had by then swum to them from the boat, and he held onto George and Cotter. Another boater arrived at the scene shortly and helped to remove the three from the water. Cotter was revived en route to the hospital, where he was detained four days for effects of nearly drowning.

67047-7739

PAUL EDWARD CRAWFORD
ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS

Paul Edward Crawford saved James E. Kirwan from drowning, Salem, Wisconsin, April 7, 1992. James, 14, and a friend, 15, called for help after falling from a boat, which then went out of control, into the frigid water of Center Lake. Alerted to the situation, Crawford, 28, mental health worker, responded to the scene from a house on the bank; he removed his outer attire and waded and swam to the boys, who were about 350 feet out. Crawford established a hold on James, then swam back to the bank, pulling him, as the other boy held to James by his legs. Crawford then carried James to a nearby house, from which he and his friend were taken to the hospital. Cold and tired, Crawford and both boys recovered. 66772-7735

MICHAEL CULLINANE, SR., DECEASED
SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Michael Cullinane, Sr., died helping to save Paul L. Flash from suffocation, Sea Isle City, New Jersey, August 26, 1992. Flash, a member of a construction crew, lay overcome by noxious gas on a ledge in an excavation pit at a point about 17 feet below ground level and 10 feet above the floor of the pit. Cullinane, 30, was one of the first police officers to arrive at the scene. He immediately entered the pit and descended on a ladder to where Flash lay. Taking an air hose that had been suspended into the pit, Cullinane directed air into Flash's face, then into the face of another officer who had entered the pit to help. Being overcome by the gas, Cullinane fell to the bottom of the pit and was immersed in the water which was collecting there. The other officer made it to safety. Members of the fire department, equipped with breathing apparatus, entered the pit and removed Flash and Cullinane. Flash required extensive hospitalization, but attempts to revive Cullinane were unsuccessful. 67092-7777

MITCHELL E. DAVIS
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mitchell E. Davis saved Andy R. and Kristine R. Smith from burning, Greenville, South Carolina, April 4, 1992. Smith, 32, and his daughter,

Kristine, 4, were trapped inside an automobile after it left the roadway, crashed into a tree, and caught fire. Davis, 31, factory supervisor who lived nearby, heard the accident and went to the scene, where he attempted to put out the flames with an extinguisher. Davis then partially removed Smith through the driver's door, but Smith's feet were caught in the wreckage. As he struggled to free Smith, he saw Kristine for the first time, in the back seat area of the car. Davis leaned inside the car again, pulled Kristine out, and took her to safety. While flames continued to spread on the undercarriage and exterior of the car, Davis again leaned inside and, after several attempts, pulled Smith free of the wreckage, then dragged him to safety. Davis returned to the car, but worsening conditions thwarted the removal of its two other occupants, and the car was shortly engulfed by flame. Smith and Kristine required hospitalization for treatment of injuries received in the accident.

66650-7700

DOUGLAS GLENN DEBOLT

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Douglas Glenn DeBolt saved Stephonté R. McClary from burning, Hampton, Virginia, March 3, 1992. Stephonté, 1, was in a crib in a first-floor bedroom of his family's house when fire erupted in the hall, just outside the bedroom door. DeBolt, 30, commercial fisherman, was visiting in the neighborhood when he was alerted to the fire. He entered the house, crawled through the living room, then ran through flames in the hall to Stephonté's bedroom, in which visibility was nil. From outside the house, Stephonté's father had broken a window to the bedroom, and he told DeBolt the location of Stephonté's crib. DeBolt found the boy, then, guided by the sound of those outside, went to the window with him and handed him out to his father. DeBolt then exited through the window. Stephonté was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and DeBolt was treated for burns to his feet; both recovered.

66633-7708

THEODORE J. DESANTIS

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY

Theodore J. DeSantis helped to save Victor Dos Santos from suffocation, Sea Isle City, New Jersey, August 26, 1992. Dos Santos, 28, a member of

a construction crew, lay overcome by noxious gas at the bottom of a 27-foot-deep excavation pit. Another laborer, DeSantis, 36, fashioned a sling from a length of chain suspended from the boom of a crane that was at the site. He then sat in the sling as the craneman lowered him into the pit. At the bottom of the pit, DeSantis pulled Dos Santos off the floor, then repositioned himself in the sling, holding Dos Santos. The crane lifted them to the surface, DeSantis by then nearly overcome by effects of the gas. Dos Santos was revived and taken to the hospital; he survived. DeSantis was hospitalized overnight for treatment of exposure to the gas.

67217-7776

RANDOLPH A. DOMINGUEZ

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Randolph A. Dominguez rescued Maybelline B. Gallegos and Crystal M. Castellanos from burning, Bakersfield, California, October 29, 1992. Ms. Gallegos, 26, and her daughter, Crystal, 1, were the occupants of a car that broke into flame after a highway accident. Dominguez, 37, heard the crash and went to the scene, where he learned that no one had exited the car. As the car's doors were jammed shut, he made several attempts to break its front windows with a plastic crate, but he was unsuccessful. Dominguez then struck and broke the window of the passenger door with his fist. With some difficulty because of the smoke and heat, Dominguez repeatedly entered the car to his waist to remove Ms. Gallegos, then Crystal. Moments later, the car was engulfed by flames. Ms. Gallegos required hospitalization for treatment of burns, and Crystal also required hospital treatment for burns. Dominguez recovered from first-degree burns and cuts and bruises to his right hand.

67275-7769

MICHAEL JOHN DOYLE

ANGUS, ONTARIO

Michael John Doyle saved Akke Plakmeyer from a runaway automobile, Whitby, Ontario, April 9, 1992. Ms. Plakmeyer, 59, was semi-conscious in her subcompact car, which was traveling out of control in circles after a highway accident at an intersection. The passenger of a vehicle stopped at the intersection, Doyle, 31, sheet metal mechanic, assessed the situation,

then went inside the circle created by the runaway car. He approached the driver's door of the car and dived partially through its open window. Doyle put the gearshift lever into park, and the car stopped. Ms. Plakmeyer was hospitalized nine days for treatment of extensive injuries sustained in the accident.

66744-7748

JOEL F. DUBÉ
METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Joel F. Dubé saved Albert F. Martellucci and Hilda M. and Ara G. Topjian from burning, Medford, Massachusetts, September 3, 1992. Martellucci, 50, was the driver of an automobile that was struck from behind on an interstate highway. His passengers were Ms. Topjian, 53, who was in the back seat, and her son, 25, who was in the front seat. The rear of the car caught fire, and dense black smoke filled the car's interior through its broken rear window. A motorist on the same highway, Dubé, 25, delivery van driver, witnessed the accident and stopped at the scene. After obtaining a tire iron from another motorist, Dubé broke out the driver's window of the burning car, providing egress for Topjian. Dubé then leaned through the window, seized Martellucci, and pulled him out of the car. By then flames had entered the car through the back window. Topjian opened the rear door of the car for his mother, who lay unconscious on the back seat. As he began to pull her from the car, his clothing caught fire, and he fell to the pavement. Dubé then stepped up to the open door, grasped Ms. Topjian, and pulled her, through flames, out of the car. The three victims required hospital treatment for their injuries, the Topjians' including severe burns. Dubé was treated at the hospital for a first-degree burn to his right hand, and he recovered.

67160-7729

LARRY DUBOISE
WINSLOW, ARIZONA

Larry DuBoise attempted to save Jeremy E. L. Abeita from being struck by a train, Isleta, New Mexico, May 16, 1992. Jeremy, 1, was standing between the rails of a track on which a passenger train was approaching at about 50 m.p.h. When the train was about a half-mile away, its engineers, who included DuBoise, 44, saw him and immediately applied the train's

emergency brakes. DuBoise went from the cab outside to a narrow platform that extended across the front of the locomotive and yelled and motioned to Jeremy to get off the track. Jeremy dropped to his hands and knees as if to crawl from it. Fearing there was not enough time for Jeremy to do so, DuBoise went to the stairs at the front side of the locomotive and positioned himself on them at a level just above that of the track. The train had slowed somewhat when it reached Jeremy, and DuBoise, who was between the locomotive's plow and front wheels, maintained his hold with one hand while he reached for Jeremy with the other. Jeremy was struck by the train, his left foot severed, but he survived. 66893-7730

JERROLD L. DUDTE
LOUDONVILLE, OHIO

Jerrold L. Dudte saved Jack Bowman from being struck by a train, Loudonville, Ohio, September 17, 1992. Bowman walked onto the crossing of two railroad tracks as a train approached on one of them at about 40 m.p.h. Driving nearby, Dudte, 37, laborer, saw Bowman and, concluding that he was unaware of the approaching train, shouted a warning to him. When Bowman kept going, Dudte exited his vehicle and ran into the crossing. As the train bore down on them at undiminished speed, Dudte tackled Bowman from behind, throwing Bowman and himself to the pavement just before the front of the train passed them a few feet away. The train stopped, its engine well beyond the crossing. Dudte sustained minor scrapes, and he recovered. 67242-7753

TERRY L. ESCHEN
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Terry L. Eschen saved Davon D. Silver-Jones from being struck by an automobile, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 26, 1992. Davon, 1, entered the street in front of a vehicle parked at his father's house as a car approached. Eschen, 38, who was nearby on the sidewalk, saw Davon in the street and the approaching car. He immediately ran after Davon and picked him up but was then struck by the car and knocked to the pavement with him. Both Davon and Eschen were taken to the hospital, where Davon was treated for

scratches to his head. He recovered. Eschen was hospitalized eight days for treatment of his injuries, including a fractured leg, which required surgery, and a sprained thumb.

66910-7718

LEONARD RUSSELL GAGNON
OSHAWA, ONTARIO

Leonard Russell Gagnon saved Daniel J. Henri from burning, Oshawa, Ontario, July 12, 1992. Daniel, 2, was in a bedroom of his parents' house when fire broke out in the kitchen late at night. A next-door neighbor, Gagnon, 25, driver, was alerted to the fire and responded to the scene, where he learned that Daniel was still inside the burning house. Gagnon broke out Daniel's bedroom window with a concrete block and climbed through the window into the smoke-filled room. He crawled toward the bed and felt for Daniel, whom he found against the headboard. Gagnon picked Daniel up and returned to the window, where he handed him out to others. While exiting through the window himself, Gagnon sustained a deep cut to one foot, and he required hospital treatment for severed tendons. He also inhaled smoke and sustained abrasions to a knee and wrist.

67011-7704

MICHAEL J. GERNDT, SR.
OSCEOLA, INDIANA

Michael J. Gerndt, Sr., saved Pilar Vallet and attempted to save Mary L. Nonnenmacher from drowning, New Buffalo, Michigan, September 4, 1991. Ms. Vallet, 55, and Ms. Nonnenmacher, 43, were swimming in Lake Michigan when a very strong current took them farther from shore. Walking on the beach, Gerndt, 41, safety officer, and his wife were alerted to the situation. Taking a child's inflated ring with him, Gerndt immediately entered the lake and swam to Ms. Vallet, who was about 300 feet from shore. He seized her and, swimming with one arm, towed her against the current toward shore. They were met in wadable water by Gerndt's wife, who helped to remove Ms. Vallet from the lake. Gerndt then swam back out for Ms. Nonnenmacher, but she was not visible to him. Tiring, Gerndt returned to shore. Ms. Nonnenmacher was removed from the lake two

hours later by authorities, but she could not be revived. Ms. Vallet was taken to the hospital, where she died the next day. 67638-7783

JOSE GOMEZ
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Jose Gomez rescued Amelia J. Robitaille from burning, Lansing, Michigan, August 21, 1992. Amelia, 4, was inside her family's one-story house when fire erupted in a bedroom. Gomez, 31, dairy worker, who lived in the neighborhood, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene, where he learned that Amelia was still inside the burning house. Gomez entered the house through its front door; as dense smoke precluded visibility, he lay on the floor and crawled deeper into the house through a hall, which was adjacent to the burning bedroom. He found Amelia standing in the living room, then turned and took her outside to safety. Amelia required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and she sustained a minor burn to one foot. She recovered. 67127-7719

LISA MARIE GRIFFITH
WEST LIBERTY, IOWA

Lisa Marie Griffith helped to save Norman L. Mumey from being struck by a train, Fairport, Iowa, July 25, 1992. Mumey, 82, was driving an automobile through a railroad crossing when the car became stuck between the rails of one of the tracks. Mrs. Griffith, 29, college student, and her husband arrived at the crossing and, seeing the situation, went to help Mumey. As Mrs. Griffith's husband attempted to dislodge the car, they became aware that a train was approaching on the track, at a speed of about 40 m.p.h. Mrs. Griffith immediately reached into the car, unfastened Mumey's safety belt, and urged him to flee, but he remained in the driver's seat. Griffith joined his wife at the driver's side of the car, and together they pulled Mumey out, then ran with him from the track. Although the train was in emergency braking, it struck the car seconds later, demolishing it, and continued well beyond the point of impact before stopping. 67074-7725

THEODORE GRIFFITH

WEST LIBERTY, IOWA

Theodore Griffith helped to save Norman L. Mumey from being struck by a train, Fairport, Iowa, July 25, 1992. Mumey, 82, was driving an automobile through a railroad crossing when the car became stuck between the rails of one of the tracks. Griffith, 34, welder, and his wife arrived at the crossing and, seeing the situation, went to help Mumey. As Griffith attempted to dislodge the car, they became aware that a train was approaching on the track, at a speed of about 40 m.p.h. Griffith's wife reached into the car, unfastened Mumey's safety belt, and urged him to flee, but he remained in the driver's seat. Griffith joined his wife at the driver's side of the car, and together they pulled Mumey out, then ran with him from the track. Although the train was in emergency braking, it struck the car seconds later, demolishing it, and continued well beyond the point of impact before stopping.

67073-7726

DAVID F. GULINI

MIDVALE, UTAH

David F. Gulini saved Tyler V. Sosin from suffocation, Alta, Utah, March 17, 1992. Tyler, 6, was disembarking from a ski resort's chair lift when the cord of his pass, which he wore around his neck, became snagged by the footrest of his chair. The chair continued to move a short distance before the lift stopped, suspending Tyler by the neck about 15 feet above the ground. He lost consciousness. Gulini, 37, an electrician employed by the resort, responded to the scene. He immediately climbed to the top of the nearest lift tower, which was about 35 feet from Tyler's chair, then crawled to the end of the tower's crossbeam. Maneuvering over the lift's cable guidewheels, Gulini grasped the cable with his hands and feet, then pulled himself hand-over-hand to Tyler's chair. He lowered himself into the chair, then reached down and released the cord of Tyler's pass from the footrest. Tyler dropped safely into the arms of others. He was revived, then hospitalized overnight for observation. He recovered.

66645-7699

CLARENCE HARSHAW, DECEASED
MARIETTA, GEORGIA

Clarence Harshaw died helping to save David L. Copeland from drowning, Marietta, Georgia, March 28, 1992. While on a fishing outing, David, 8, slipped on the bank of a lake, fell into the deep, cold water near the bank, and struggled. A member of his party, Harshaw, 37, who was nearby, immediately jumped into the lake, moved to David, and pushed him back toward the bank. Another man in their group pulled David to safety. Harshaw submerged and did not resurface. He was recovered from the lake by a police officer who arrived shortly, but he could not be revived.

66839-7712

MICHAEL L. HILL
GULF SHORES, ALABAMA

Michael L. Hill saved Glenda A. Brock from drowning, Gulf Shores, Alabama, July 2, 1992. Ms. Brock, 42, was wading in the Gulf of Mexico when she was pulled away from shore by a very strong current. She struggled to return to shore but could not make progress against the current. Walking on the beach, Hill, 23, college student, was alerted to her situation. He entered the water and swam several hundred feet to her. Grasping Ms. Brock by an arm, Hill swam against the current toward shore. En route, he tired; he then started to push Ms. Brock in. When they reached a wadable depth, Ms. Brock was aided from the water by a friend. Hill crawled out of the water and collapsed on the beach. Both he and Ms. Brock were exhausted, and they required two days to recover fully.

67340-7767

WILLIAM H. HOPKINS
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

William H. Hopkins saved an indeterminate number of persons from assault, Battle Creek, Michigan, June 1, 1992. A struggle broke out between a police officer and the 35-year-old man he was trying to apprehend in the parking lot of a store. During the struggle, the man took the officer's revolver from its holster and fired it, then, from behind a parked car, kept the officer at bay. Hopkins, 40, an officer with the security company that

he owned, was shopping in the store when he was alerted to the situation. Although he was unarmed, Hopkins went to the parking lot and began to approach the assailant. He shouted at him to gauge his attentiveness, then rushed and tackled him. Others arrived within moments and helped subdue the assailant. Hopkins recovered from minor lacerations to his head and hands. 66912-7727

JOHN W. HORTON II
HERMITAGE, TENNESSEE

John W. Horton II rescued John Winstead from assault, Madison, Tennessee, January 14, 1991. In the parking lot of a supermarket, Winstead, 35, was attacked by a man armed with a knife when he intervened in the man's attack of a woman there. Horton, 26, delivery man, was in his truck parked nearby when he heard screams. He ran to the scene and, approaching the assailant from behind, grabbed him. He and Winstead wrestled the assailant to the pavement and held him until police arrived and arrested him. Winstead was hospitalized more than two weeks for treatment, including surgery, of his wounds, and he recovered. Horton sustained a knife wound to his left thigh during the scuffle, and he too recovered. 65993-7765

RONALD W. HUNTER, SR.
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Ronald W. Hunter, Sr., helped to rescue Tammy H. Anderson from assault, Gastonia, North Carolina, December 9, 1991. Ms. Anderson, 33, was about to leave the driveway of her home with her daughter, 12, and another girl, 7, when they were shot at by a neighbor who had heavily armed and barricaded himself in his house across the street. Another neighbor, Hunter, 35, maintenance worker, heard the shots and, initially thinking that a car had backfired, left his house, which also was across the street, and responded to Ms. Anderson's driveway to be of assistance. As the shooting continued, Hunter realized that Ms. Anderson and the girls were being fired upon. Hunter was shot in the back. Shouting "Get down!", he approached the Anderson house, into which Ms. Anderson and the other girl escaped. Ms. Anderson's daughter was fatally wounded. Hunter collapsed to the ground, where he lay until the sniper surrendered to police more than four

hours later. Hunter was hospitalized for treatment of multiple and severe gunshot wounds, which required surgery. 66396-7761

RONALD W. HUNTER, JR.
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Ronald W. Hunter, Jr., attempted to rescue India D. Anderson from assault, Gastonia, North Carolina, December 9, 1991. India, 12, was in the driveway of her family's home with her mother and a friend when they were shot at by a neighbor who had heavily armed and barricaded himself in his house across the street. Wounded, India staggered across the street and collapsed in the front yard of another neighbor, Ronald, 17, maintenance worker. Ronald, who had been watching the assault from his family's house, ran outside to India. Grasping her by the arms, he dragged India toward the house as the shooting continued. India was struck again, and Ronald was shot in the face. He collapsed unconscious near the house, then, having regained consciousness, escaped inside during a lull in the shooting. India was mortally wounded. Ronald was hospitalized two days for his wound, which included fractured facial bones. He recovered. 66397-7762

CHRISTOPHER M. IHLI
PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Christopher M. Ihli saved Raymond S. Bahou from burning, Pebble Beach, California, June 25, 1992. Bahou, 54, was the driver of a tractor-trailer that, in a highway accident, overturned onto its driver's side and spilled part of its load of 8,000 gallons of gasoline. Having witnessed the accident, Ihli, 21, business owner, approached the truck and saw Bahou inside the cab. Ihli climbed onto the passenger side of the tractor and maneuvered open the door, which had been blocked by the truck's exhaust pipe. Ihli and Bahou joined hands, Ihli then pulling on Bahou to help him climb out of the cab. As the two men stood atop the tractor, the spilled gasoline caught fire, virtually encompassing the tractor in flame. They quickly jumped to the ground and ran from the tractor, which was destroyed by the fire. Bahou was treated at the hospital for a cut, and he recovered. 67052-7757

DAVID KEITH JARNAGIN, DECEASED
MEXIA, TEXAS

David Keith Jarnagin died attempting to save Jesse J. Pullin, Jr., from drowning, Mexia, Texas, May 17, 1992. Pullin, 26, was fishing in the Navasota River when he lost his footing and was carried downstream by a strong current. His friend and fishing companion, Jarnagin, 26, immediately dived into the river and swam to him. Jarnagin pushed Pullin toward the bank, but both were swept farther downstream. Pullin grabbed hold of a tree limb overhanging the water and pulled himself to safety, but Jarnagin was carried farther downstream. His body was recovered from the river two days later. 67118-7766

RICHARD C. KOHLS
MATINICUS ISLAND, MAINE

Richard C. Kohls helped to save Rudolph H. Musetti and Duane D. Cleaves from drowning, Matinicus Island, Maine, January 16, 1992. Musetti, 57; Cleaves, 54, and another man were on a 70-foot tugboat that became disabled and began to sink in the Atlantic Ocean off Matinicus Island. Kohls, 32, lobsterman, who lived on the island, learned of the situation through emergency radio transmissions and, with two other men, one of whom owned a 36-foot fishing boat, set out in the boat to aid the tug's crew. It was dark, and the sea was choppy; high winds combined with extremely cold air to create both a wind chill in excess of 40 degrees below zero and a blanket of dense vapor that severely restricted visibility. A build-up of ice on the boat further hampered visibility and affected electronic communications. Under those conditions, Kohls and the other two men maneuvered to the tug's last known position, en route hearing its final transmission, that the tug was going down. Musetti and his crew, washed by a wave from the upended and sinking vessel, clung to a wooden ladder in the frigid water. After several minutes, Kohls located them by spotting a beam of light from a flashlight that had frozen to Cleaves's glove. Kohls and the other two men maneuvered the boat to the victims, then, with difficulty, pulled Musetti and Cleaves aboard. A Coast Guard boat which had been dispatched to the scene rescued the third man. As the boat then returned to the harbor, followed by the Coast Guard vessel, Kohls removed items of his own attire

and gave them to Musetti and Cleaves. The three victims, who then spent the night on the island, were severely chilled, but they fully recovered.

67257-7786

ROBERT C. LORD

BLYTHE, GEORGIA

Robert C. Lord rescued David M. Giles and Jean G. Maddox from burning, Blythe, Georgia, December 30, 1991. Giles, 42, was the pilot of a single-engine airplane which lost power shortly after take off, then crashed in a wooded area and began to burn. He and a passenger, Ms. Maddox, 37, were both injured and remained inside the wreckage, unconscious. Lord, 36, mechanic, who worked near the scene, heard the engine stop and drove to the scene with a co-worker. Although one of the plane's wings, which contained a fuel tank, was burning, Lord climbed onto the other wing and entered the cockpit. Flames by then were inside the plane, on its pilot's seat and issuing from under the control panel. Lord seized Giles under the arms, then dragged him out of, and away from, the plane. He returned to it and re-entered for Ms. Maddox, whom he removed in the same fashion. Believing that there was another person in the plane, Lord entered a third time but left after finding no one else inside. Ms. Maddox and Giles were hospitalized for extensive injuries, Giles sustaining second- and third-degree burns.

66524-7698

JOHN WENDELL MACLEAN, DECEASED

INVERNESS, NOVA SCOTIA

John Wendell MacLean died after rescuing J. Tyler and attempting to rescue A. Stephanie MacLean from burning, Inverness, Nova Scotia, March 14, 1992. Tyler, 3, and his mother, Stephanie, 19, were in bedrooms of a mobile home belonging to Stephanie's parents when fire broke out in the dining area. Stephanie's father, MacLean, 55, laborer, and mother fled the mobile home before realizing that Tyler and Stephanie were still inside. With flames spreading rapidly, MacLean re-entered the mobile home and, passing by the center of the fire, went to Tyler's room, then emerged shortly from the mobile home with him. Although conditions were deteriorating rapidly, MacLean made repeated attempts to gain entry to Stephanie's room, but he

was driven back each time. Stephanie died in the fire. Tyler was hospitalized a month for treatment of second-degree burns. MacLean sustained serious burns to 46 percent of his body and died five days later. 66699-7703

PAUL MACSUGA
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

Paul Macsuga saved James W. Hardison and Thomas J. Nimmo from drowning, Buckhorn, Ontario, February 14, 1991. At night, Hardison, 46; Nimmo, 60, and another man broke through the ice on Catchacoma Lake while crossing the lake on their vehicles. In a cottage nearby, Macsuga, 31, truck driver, heard them shouting for help. He went to the scene on his snowmobile and crawled on the ice toward the men, then returned to his cottage for a rope. Back at the scene, he again crawled toward the open water, where he threw one end of the rope to Hardison and Nimmo, then pulled them to the edge of the water and up onto solid ice. Macsuga put the men on his snowmobile and took them to his cottage, where he aided in warming them. Hardison and Nimmo sustained frostbite and lacerations to their feet. The other man drowned. 66825-7731

DANIEL KENNETH MCLEOD
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Daniel Kenneth McLeod rescued a woman from assault, Vancouver, British Columbia, March 13, 1992. A legal officer, 38, was in her 15th-floor office with a man when he removed a knife from his jacket and began to attack her. She screamed. McLeod, 38, a lawyer who was working nearby, ran to the office, flung open the door, and shouted at the assailant to release the woman. The assailant loosened his grasp of the woman, and she escaped to an adjacent office. The assailant then menaced McLeod with the knife, and McLeod held him off with an office chair. Another man joined McLeod and over the course of several minutes convinced him to hand over the knife. He did so, then was arrested by police who had arrived. 67415-7759

BRIAN A. MURPHY, SR.
MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

Brian A. Murphy, Sr., saved Catherine A. Stewart from burning, Moundsville, West Virginia, May 19, 1992. Ms. Stewart, 74, who was confined to a wheelchair, was in the kitchen of her second-floor apartment when fire erupted in another room at night. A relative living with her attempted unsuccessfully to extinguish the fire, then alerted Murphy, 32, automobile mechanic, who lived in a first-floor apartment. Murphy immediately ran upstairs to Ms. Stewart's apartment, where dense smoke impeded visibility, and, guided only by the sound of her voice, located her, then took her to the top of the stairs. Requiring air, Murphy ran downstairs to breathe. He returned to Ms. Stewart and pulled her down the stairs to safety, then ran back to his apartment to tend to his own family. Ms. Stewart required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, from which she recovered.

66846-7720

PAUL EDWIN MURRAY
MATINICUS ISLAND, MAINE

Paul Edwin Murray helped to save Rudolph H. Musetti and Duane D. Cleaves from drowning, Matinicus Island, Maine, January 16, 1992. Musetti, 57; Cleaves, 54, and another man were on a 70-foot tugboat that became disabled and began to sink in the Atlantic Ocean off Matinicus Island. After learning of the situation, Murray, 40, contractor, who lived on the island, and two other men, one of whom owned a 36-foot fishing boat, set out in the boat to aid the tug's crew. It was dark, and the sea was choppy; high winds combined with extremely cold air to create both a wind chill in excess of 40 degrees below zero and a blanket of dense vapor that severely restricted visibility. A build-up of ice on the boat further hampered visibility and affected electronic communications. Under those conditions, Murray and the other two men maneuvered to the tug's last known position, en route hearing its final transmission, that the tug was going down. Musetti and his crew, washed by a wave from the upended and sinking vessel, clung to a wooden ladder in the frigid water. After several minutes, Murray and the other two men located them by spotting a beam of light from a flashlight that had frozen to Cleaves's glove. Murray and the other two men maneuvered the boat to the victims, then, with difficulty, pulled Musetti and

Cleaves aboard. A Coast Guard boat which had been dispatched to the scene rescued the third man. As the boat then returned to the harbor, followed by the Coast Guard vessel, Murray removed items of his own attire and gave them to Musetti and Cleaves. The three victims, who then spent the night on the island, were severely chilled, but they fully recovered.

67258-7787

RONALD STEPHEN NELSON

FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA

Ronald Stephen Nelson rescued Richard S. Schulz from burning, Sacramento, California, September 10, 1992. At night, Richard, 9 months old, was in his crib in a bedroom of his family's one-story house when fire broke out in that room. Nelson, 40, tow truck driver, was visiting a friend in a house next door when he was alerted to the fire. He and the friend went to the scene, entered the living room of the burning house, and alerted its other occupants, who then fled. Hearing Richard cry, Nelson penetrated the house farther, seeing Richard standing in his crib in the burning bedroom, which was illuminated by the flames. Nelson ran to Richard and picked him up, then, shielding the infant against himself, ran from the bedroom and fled the house. Assuming that Richard's mother was still inside, Nelson re-entered the house, with a hose, and searched briefly for her before fire conditions forced him out. Richard required hospitalization for extensive burns, and Nelson recovered from having sustained lesser effects of the fire.

67224-7745

MORLAN M. O'BRYAN

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Morlan M. O'Bryan saved Nebulla Stephen from assault, Boston, Massachusetts, April 26, 1991. Nebulla, 9, and her younger brother were on the front porch of their next-door neighbor's house when two groups of young men, one chasing the other, approached, running. When gunfire erupted, adults and other children at the scene sought cover, but Nebulla and her brother ran toward their home. A neighbor who had been near the porch before taking cover under its steps, O'Bryan, 33, warehouse clerk, shouted for them to get back. He then ran after them. O'Bryan put his arms around

Nebulla and pulled her to him to shield her, then was shot in the back. The youths dispersed. O'Bryan required surgery and lengthy hospitalization for treatment of his wound, which left him paralyzed from the waist down.

65832-7747

GARY DEAN O'SHAUGHNESSY
ORIENTAL, NORTH CAROLINA

Gary Dean O'Shaughnessy rescued Kimberly R. Jensen from assault, Sheffield Village, Ohio, December 16, 1992. Ms. Jensen, 27, was in the bank where she worked when a man armed with a gun entered and robbed it. Also in the bank at the time was O'Shaughnessy, 40, physician, who was a customer. As the robber prepared to leave, he grasped Ms. Jensen and, at gunpoint, walked her toward the door, intending to take her as a hostage. O'Shaughnessy followed them to the door, where he volunteered to be taken in Ms. Jensen's stead. The robber released Ms. Jensen and grasped O'Shaughnessy by the arm. Putting his gun to O'Shaughnessy's head, he left the bank with O'Shaughnessy and started to flee. After they had run about 250 feet, during which the robber threatened him, the robber released O'Shaughnessy and kept running. He was apprehended shortly by police. During the incident, O'Shaughnessy sustained a contusion to his arm, from which he recovered, and he aggravated previous injury. 67399-7775

MICHAEL JOHN PADELLARO
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

Michael John Padellaro saved Evelyn Alvarez from drowning, Lawrence, Massachusetts, December 5, 1992. Evelyn, 15, struggled to stay afloat after the car of which she had been an occupant entered the Merrimack River and submerged at night. Driving nearby, Padellaro, 27, off-duty police officer, was alerted to the situation and responded to the scene. He immediately entered the frigid river and swam to Evelyn, who by then had submerged. He found her, returned her to the surface of the water, and, with difficulty in the coldness, began to swim back to the bank with her. A police officer who had arrived by then took Evelyn from Padellaro in wadable water and removed her from the river. Padellaro then turned and swam back to look for Evelyn's friend, who also had been struggling in the water and had

submerged. After searching for him without success, Padellaro swam back to the bank, where he had to be helped from the river by others. Evelyn and Padellaro were taken to the hospital, where Padellaro was treated for hypothermia; he recovered. The body of Evelyn's friend was recovered later that day. 67377-7772

CLEMENT D. PAUL
YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Clement D. Paul saved Trevor R. Teed from drowning, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, November 11, 1990. Teed, 34, and another man, members of a hunting party, were crossing frozen Harding Lake, in temperatures well below zero, when their snowmobile broke through thin ice about 3,000 feet from shore. Another member of their party, Paul, 33, welder, was alerted to their plight and responded to a point on thick ice near the scene in his snowmobile, which towed a small fiberglass sleigh. Using the buoyant sleigh as a boat, but having no paddle other than a gun case, Paul maneuvered slowly over the course of several hundred feet toward the men, taking the unstable craft through the path of cracked and broken ice created by their snowmobile. As Paul approached, often immersing his hands in the frigid water as he broke ice that was in his way, the other man submerged and drowned. Paul reached Teed and, after the sleigh nearly tipped over, tied him to it. He then, with the difficulty of Teed's added weight, paddled the sleigh back through the path to the thicker ice, towing Teed. Another man pulled the sleigh from the open water with a snowmobile and towed it to a lodge, where Teed was warmed. He was taken to the hospital and treated for hypothermia; released the next day, he recovered. 66539-7706

HERMAN RAY PERDUE, JR.
EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

Herman Ray Perdue, Jr., rescued Kaneshia D. Harris from burning, El Dorado, Arkansas, November 1, 1991. Kaneshia, 1, was inside her grandmother's one-story house when fire broke out in the living room. A neighbor, Perdue, 30, salesman, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene. His visibility limited by dense smoke, Perdue entered the burning house through its back door and crawled through a bedroom into the kitchen,

where he located Kaneshia on the floor. Perdue picked Kaneshia up and, retracing his course, ran outside with her. Kaneshia was treated at the hospital for minor fire-related injuries, and she recovered. 66458-7696

KURTIS VANALLYN POOLE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Kurtis VanAllyn Poole saved David L. and Larrina A. Crowder from burning, Atlanta, Georgia, October 24, 1992. David, 6, and his sister Larrina, 2, were asleep in a bedroom of their mother's ground-level apartment when, at night, fire broke out in the kitchen. Asleep in an apartment of a building nearby, Poole, 27, was alerted to the fire. After responding to the scene and learning that the burning apartment was occupied, Poole opened the door to the living room and crawled inside, but intense heat forced him out. He then broke out a window to the children's bedroom and climbed through. Stepping onto a bed, he located David and handed him outside to others, then turned and penetrated the room farther and located Larrina's crib. Poole picked Larrina up but became disoriented in the dense smoke, which precluded visibility. He followed the shouts of persons at the window to retrace his course. At the window, he handed Larrina out to the others, then climbed outside to safety himself. 67269-7752

BRENDA POSEY
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Brenda Posey helped to save Rene F. Jouvence from drowning, Hamilton, Ontario, February 7, 1993. Rene, 7, was stranded in the frigid waters of Lake Ontario after falling five feet from the top of a vertical ice ridge rimming the lake near its shore. Alerted to the situation from her home nearby, Ms. Posey, 31, silk-screen printer, ran to the scene, where she lay atop the ridge, reached over the edge for Rene, and grasped him. The ice beneath her gave way, and she fell head first into the lake. Ms. Posey maintained her hold of Rene until others arrived. Two men reached over the ridge, seized Rene, and pulled him out of the lake. Ms. Posey then stood on a ladder that had been lowered into the water; as she was too weak from the cold to climb it, men at the scene pulled the ladder from the lake, thereby

removing her. Both Rene and Ms. Posey were hospitalized for treatment of hypothermia, and they recovered. 67544-7773

KEVIN J. POSPICHAL
COTTAGE GROVE, WISCONSIN

Kevin J. Pospichal helped to rescue Sheila R. Williams from burning, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, February 28, 1992. Ms. Williams, 35, was unconscious in the front passenger seat of a car that broke into flames during a highway accident. From his vehicle nearby, Pospichal, 28, route salesman, witnessed the accident. He immediately ran to the passenger side of the burning car and attempted to gain entry through a broken window but was driven back by flames and blistering heat. Pospichal then ran to the driver's side of the car, where Ms. Williams's husband had partially removed her through the front door. Pospichal reached into the car, grasped Ms. Williams's legs, and, together with her husband, pulled Ms. Williams, who was aflame, from the car. The car was shortly engulfed in flames. Ms. Williams and Pospichal both required hospital treatment for burns, Pospichal sustaining first- and second-degree burns to his face. He recovered. 66636-7702

STEVEN L. PRITCHARD, DECEASED
STRATFORD, IOWA

Steven L. Pritchard died after helping to save Jesse C. Brennan from drowning, Ogden, Iowa, August 23, 1992. Jesse, 6, was a passenger on board a pontoon boat on Don Williams Lake when he fell into the lake. Pritchard, 45, maintenance man, immediately stopped the boat's motor and dove into the lake after him. He found Jesse below the water's surface and lifted him above it. Jesse struggled briefly with Pritchard before Jesse's father, who had also entered the lake from the boat, took Jesse from him. Pritchard submerged, resurfaced and yelled for help, then submerged again. Pritchard's son then entered the water from the boat, swam to Jesse, and returned him to the boat. After unsuccessful attempts to locate Pritchard, the party returned to shore. Pritchard's body was recovered from the lake the following day. He had drowned. 67173-7771

ROBERT EDWARD PUCCINO
LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Robert Edward Puccino saved Robert P. Jones from drowning, Lawton, Oklahoma, April 16, 1992. Jones, 45, was in an automobile that was swept from a low-water crossing into Squaw Creek, which was flooded by heavy rain. Washed from the car, Jones was carried downstream by the very swift current. In his patrol car near the scene, Puccino, 32, police officer, learned of the incident and responded to the crossing. He ran along the creek after Jones, then waded onto the flooded bank to him. After seizing Jones by his attire, Puccino too was swept downstream. Without releasing his grip on Jones, Puccino was pulled about 300 feet by the current before he regained his footing and waded to the bank, where he lay, exhausted. Puccino and Jones were both taken to the hospital, where Puccino was admitted to the intensive care unit for treatment of effects of having nearly drowned. He was discharged four days later, and he recovered. 66946-7768

CLINTON CARL QUAKE, DECEASED
STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Clinton Carl Quaka died attempting to rescue Craig L. and Chad L. Schneider from suffocation, Streator, Illinois, August 29, 1992. Craig Schneider, 44, entered an underground tank, used to hold manure on his farm, and collapsed in the atmosphere containing toxic gases. His son, Chad, 17, entered the tank in a rescue attempt, but he collapsed also. Working nearby on the farm, Clinton, 17, high school student, was alerted to the situation and hurried to the scene. He entered the tank, seized Schneider, and was lifting him to the tank's opening overhead when he too collapsed. All three victims were removed shortly by others, but they could not be revived. 67164-7743

ERIC JACOB RATKE
PEORIA, ARIZONA

Eric Jacob Ratke rescued Jayson G. Murray from burning, Burien, Washington, September 8, 1992. Jayson, 2, was in a bedroom of his family's first-floor apartment when fire broke out in that room and filled it with dense

smoke. Seeing smoke, Ratke, 23, manager of a nearby automobile shop, responded to the scene, where he heard Jayson cry out. Ratke immediately entered the apartment and went to Jayson's room, the door to which was closed. Since the doorknob was too hot to grasp, Ratke kicked the door open, then dropped to his hands and knees and entered the smoke-filled and burning room. His search for Jayson took him across the width of the room to where he found Jayson between a bed and the far wall. With flames and smoke spreading quickly, Ratke seized Jayson, then stood and fled the apartment. Jayson required extensive hospitalization for severe burns.

67174-7728

SALVADOR SANCHEZ
EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

Salvador Sanchez rescued a woman from assault, El Monte, California, May 21, 1992. A man armed with a gun entered a small store and robbed it, then forced the clerk, a 22-year-old woman, into a back room and began to assault her. The manager of the store, Sanchez, 27, then returned to the premises after having run an errand. He went to the back room and saw the woman pinned to the wall by the assailant, whose back was to Sanchez. Sanchez immediately entered the room and hit the assailant. The assailant then turned on Sanchez and shot him once, in the head. The assailant fled the store, but he was apprehended a month later. Sanchez was hospitalized three weeks for treatment of his wound, which required surgery, and he was unable to work for a year.

66920-7750

LUKE JOHN SCHAAF
CRYSTAL, MINNESOTA

Luke John Schaaf saved Jama L. and Samuel V. Priscella from drowning, Crystal, Minnesota, January 3, 1993. Ms. Priscella, 37, and her son Samuel, 3, were walking on frozen Middle Twin Lake when Samuel broke through thin ice and Ms. Priscella broke through while going after him. Ms. Priscella supported Samuel and trod water while shouting for help. Schaaf, 19, a college student who lived on the bank of the lake in that vicinity, heard the shouts. He responded to the scene with an eight-foot-length of board and, crouching, moved toward Ms. Priscella and Samuel. About halfway to

them, he too fell through the ice. Schaaf broke a path in the ice to Ms. Priscella and Samuel and extended the board to Ms. Priscella, who grasped it. Schaaf pulled Ms. Priscella and Samuel toward him, then helped them out of the water and off the ice. Ms. Priscella and Samuel were treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and they recovered. 67450-7781

LAWRENCE H. SCHACHT
LUCKEY, OHIO

Lawrence H. Schacht saved Randall S. and Jakelyn C. VanEtten from burning, Luckey, Ohio, March 6, 1993. VanEtten, 37, and his daughter Jakelyn, 12, were in the cab of their pickup truck, which broke into flame during a highway accident. Schacht, 56, store manager, heard the accident from his house and ran to the truck. Since both of the truck's doors were jammed, Schacht climbed onto its hood, where, despite flames blowing into and around the cab, he kicked a hole in the windshield. Schacht then reached into the cab, grasped Jakelyn, and pulled her through the windshield to safety. Extending his body to his waist into the cab, Schacht attempted to remove VanEtten before realizing that VanEtten still wore his safety belt. After releasing the belt, Schacht pulled VanEtten through the windshield onto the hood and helped to drag him away. The cab was shortly engulfed in flames. VanEtten and Jakelyn both required hospital treatment for their injuries. Schacht severed a tendon in his left wrist and sustained other lacerations, which required sutures. He recovered. 67625-7755

HENRY A. SCHEERER
FREMONT, OHIO

Henry A. Scheerer rescued Larry A. Bell from burning, Fremont, Ohio, April 28, 1992. Bell, 41, remained in the driver's seat of his van after a highway accident in which the van exploded into flame. Scheerer, 55, technician, lived near the scene and ran to the van after hearing the accident. Despite intense heat and growing flames, Scheerer reached into the van through the opened driver's door and grasped Bell by the arm but was unable to maintain his hold. He then extended his right arm into the van, grasped Bell about the shoulder, and pulled him from the vehicle. Scheerer aided Bell away from the van moments before its interior was engulfed in

flame. Bell required lengthy hospitalization for extensive and severe burns. Scheerer recovered from a lesser burn to his right arm. 66807-7714

KARYN B. SCHLACHTER
LYNDHURST, OHIO

Karyn B. Schlachter helped to save Herman E. Townsend from drowning, Niagara Falls, Ontario, August 14, 1992. In diving gear, Townsend, 42, called for help as he was being carried downstream in the Niagara River, toward Horseshoe Falls, by the river's very swift current. Ms. Schlachter, 28, teacher, who was riding a bicycle along the river, heard him and went to the river bank. After running along the bank and calling to Townsend to reassure him as he started to swim in, Ms. Schlachter partially disrobed, entered the river, and swam to him. Once she reached Townsend, she extended her hand to him, and he took it; she then started to swim back to the bank with him, the current steadily pulling them farther downstream. A firefighter who had responded to the scene also entered the water, and he aided in taking Townsend to the bank. 67152-7716

CHAD L. SCHNEIDER, DECEASED
STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Chad L. Schneider died attempting to rescue Craig L. Schneider from suffocation, Streator, Illinois, August 29, 1992. Craig Schneider, 44, entered an underground tank, used to hold manure on his farm, and collapsed in the atmosphere containing toxic gases. His son, Chad, 17, college student, who was working with him, immediately entered the tank after him. Chad grasped his father and lifted him to the tank's opening overhead, where a farm employee grasped him. Chad then collapsed, and Schneider fell back into the tank. Another farm employee entered the tank for Schneider and Chad, but he too was overcome. All three victims were removed shortly by others, but they could not be revived. 67163-7742

DANIEL SCHNEIDER
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Daniel Schneider saved Ashley and Katherine DeBellefeuille from burning, Kamloops, British Columbia, March 11, 1991. Ashley, 4, and her sister, Katherine, 11, were in bed in the master bedroom of their family's house, which had been set afire. A neighbor, Schneider, 34, equipment operator, saw smoke issuing from the house and went to the scene. He crawled part way inside the house but withdrew because of dense smoke, then broke out the window to the master bedroom and saw the girls. After leaning through the window in an unsuccessful attempt to pull the girls to him, Schneider climbed through the window into the house. He picked Ashley up off the bed and handed her out to others, then picked up Katherine and removed her in the same fashion. As flames entered the bedroom through its open door, Schneider himself then exited the house through the window. Taken to the hospital, Ashley and Katherine both died of causes unrelated to the fire.

67565-7738

VALERIE JOAN SCHORK
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

Valerie Joan Schork saved Patricia M. Early from burning, Livonia, Michigan, November 5, 1992. Patricia, 1, was in a bedroom of her mother's house when fire broke out in the living room at night. A neighbor, Ms. Schork, 32, was alerted to the fire by Patricia's mother. Learning that Patricia was inside the burning house, Ms. Schork went to a window of the bedroom and entered but found no visibility in the thick smoke. After she went to Patricia's crib but could not locate the child, Ms. Schork went back to the window for air and to ascertain Patricia's location. She then turned back into the smoke and went to the bed, and, finding Patricia there, picked her up, took her to the window, and handed her outside to her mother. Ms. Schork then exited the house. Patricia was hospitalized a week for treatment of smoke inhalation; she recovered. Ms. Schork also required medical attention for having inhaled smoke.

67335-7754

KEVIN J. SHRIEL, DECEASED
CHESTERTOWN, NEW YORK

Kevin J. Shriel died after attempting to save Brandon Flores from drowning, Chestertown, New York, August 7, 1992. On a fishing outing with others, Brandon, 6, entered the Schroon River and floundered. Fishing from a point near the bank, Shriel, 27, immediately swam out to him, and they struggled, repeatedly submerging. Another man swam to Brandon and took him to a sand bar near the bank. Shriel submerged. He was found in a deep pool of the river by firefighters who arrived shortly and was taken to the hospital. He died six days later.

67099-7744

NEIL A. SIMCOX
OSWEGO, NEW YORK

Neil A. Simcox saved Brandi E. Brandshaw from burning, Oswego, New York, April 3, 1992. Brandi, 11 months old, was in her bedroom after fire erupted in the living room of her family's first-floor apartment. Simcox, 33, floor tiler, was alerted to the fire from a house across the street, and he went to the scene, where flames were issuing from the living room windows. Learning that Brandi was in her bedroom, Simcox went to that room's window, through which others had attempted a rescue. Simcox climbed through the broken window and, unable to see because of dense smoke, groped through the room and found Brandi's playpen. He found Brandi in the playpen, then picked her up and carried her to the window, where he handed her out to others. Simcox then climbed out of the window to safety. Both he and Brandi were treated for smoke inhalation, and they recovered.

66710-7710

LANNIE SIMMONS, DECEASED
JAMAICA, NEW YORK

Lannie Simmons died attempting to save Marvin T. Weaver and others from burning, South Ozone Park, New York, November 22, 1991. Weaver, 67, and four of his grandchildren were on the second floor of the family's house when fire erupted in an enclosed first-floor porch. Another of the grandchildren, Lannie, 12, student, was on the first floor with other family members

when the fire was discovered. Those on the first floor escaped to safety, but Lannie re-entered the house and was next seen on the roof of the front porch, outside a window to one of the second-floor bedrooms. When Lannie shouted that he could not rouse his grandfather or the children, those outside the house told him not to go back inside. Lannie re-entered through the window. Firefighters who arrived shortly found Lannie, his grandfather, and the four children in second-floor bedrooms; all had died from effects of the fire.

66354-7717

RICHARD A. SMITH
LEETON, MISSOURI

Richard A. Smith helped to save Michael P. Corrigan and helped attempt to save Reynold W. Elsberry from suffocation, Omaha, Nebraska, August 29, 1991. Corrigan, 26, and Elsberry, 52, lost consciousness inside the oxygen-deficient atmosphere of an underground vault while working on a water main. A member of a construction crew working within sight, Smith, 32, pipelayer, was alerted to the accident and went to the scene. After obtaining a garden hose from nearby, Smith entered the vault repeatedly in attempts to tie the hose around Corrigan and to supply air to the downed men. When others arrived at the scene with a breathing apparatus, Smith donned it and again entered the vault, where he secured a sling to Corrigan and guided him upward as those at ground level pulled him out of the vault. The sling was lowered back into the vault, and Smith secured it to Elsberry, who was removed in the same fashion, Smith following. Corrigan was hospitalized overnight, and he recovered, but Elsberry could not be revived.

66537-7707

SHANE SMITH, DECEASED
CEDARTOWN, GEORGIA

Shane Smith died attempting to save Sylvia R., Christy D., and Sylvia C. G. Ledbetter from burning, Cedartown, Georgia, December 2, 1991. At night, Sylvia R. Ledbetter, 55, was in her bedroom of her one-story house when fire erupted in the living room. Also at home were Ms. Ledbetter's daughter, Christy, 14, and Christy's daughter, Sylvia C. G., 1. Ms. Ledbetter's grandson, Shane, 17, high school student who also lived in the house, awoke to

the flames and alerted other family members; he then fled the house with them. Saying that he had to rescue the others, Shane re-entered the house, through its front door. Arriving firefighters removed Shane, Ms. Ledbetter, and Christy and her daughter from the house; all had died of smoke inhalation. 66392-7782

TEDDY SPRUILL, DECEASED
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

Teddy Spruill died after helping to save Patricia A. Malbone from drowning, Corolla, North Carolina, May 24, 1992. Swimming in the Atlantic Ocean, Ms. Malbone, 32, struggled against a strong current as she attempted to return to shore. She called for help. A member of her party, Spruill, 31, farm hand, had just made it back to shore himself. Alerted to her situation, he immediately re-entered the water, swam to Ms. Malbone, and positioned her on his back. Spruill started to swim to shore with her in that fashion, then they attempted to swim in together, while grasping hands. After they became separated in the water, Ms. Malbone struggled to shore alone, and Spruill was carried farther out. He submerged and drowned, and his body was recovered from the ocean five days later. 66880-7763

HEATHER ANN STEWART
WESTLOCK, ALBERTA

Heather Ann Stewart rescued Aneeta A. Campbell from an attacking jaguar, Bon Accord, Alberta, April 13, 1992. Ms. Campbell, 25, and Ms. Stewart, 26, employees of a private zoo, were exiting a jaguar's pen after leaving food there for the jaguar. Before Ms. Campbell could leave the enclosure, the jaguar, an 8-year-old, 90-pound male, broke out of the shelter in which it was confined during feeding time. The jaguar took Ms. Campbell to the ground and seized her left arm with its mouth. She screamed for help. Ms. Stewart immediately ran to Ms. Campbell, where she struck and kicked the animal in attempts to get it to release its hold. Ms. Stewart then ran to a truck parked nearby and obtained a sledge hammer, which she took back to the scene. She repeatedly struck the jaguar with the hammer, causing it to release its grip on Ms. Campbell, who then rolled away and ran to the truck. Ms. Stewart joined her in the truck, and they went to safety. The zoo

manager responded to the scene and shot the jaguar dead. Ms. Campbell was hospitalized five days for a broken left arm and lacerations, which required sutures.

66799-7734

GARY DEAN TOMLINSON
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Gary Dean Tomlinson helped to save an indeterminate number of persons from assault, Charlotte, North Carolina, September 27, 1992. A man armed with a gun entered a department store and approached its checkout counters, where his wife worked as a cashier. Having recognized the man from a previous altercation at the store, Tomlinson, 50, the store's assistant manager, had directed that police be called, then he followed the man. Wanting to get him away from the customers and employees at the check-out, Tomlinson ran after him and tackled him from behind. They fell to the floor, the gun firing. A struggle for control of the gun ensued for several moments before other store employees arrived and helped to subdue the man. Tomlinson secured the man's gun, and arriving police arrested him. Tomlinson required medical treatment for a bruised shoulder.

67205-7774

JOSEPH VARDA
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

Joseph Varda saved Jeanette DeMotta from burning, Arleta, California, April 11, 1992. Ms. DeMotta, 65, was in bed when fire broke out in an enclosed patio at the back of her family's house at night. Driving through the neighborhood, Varda, 22, account executive, discovered the fire and stopped at the scene. After alerting neighbors to the fire and pounding on the windows of the burning house to alert any occupants, Varda went to its front door, where he helped Ms. DeMotta's husband escape. Learning that Ms. DeMotta was still inside, Varda entered the house through its front door and, in the dense smoke inside, found his way to Ms. DeMotta's bedroom. He picked her up and carried her outside to safety. Ms. DeMotta required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, as did Varda, who fully recovered. Three of Ms. DeMotta's family members died in the fire.

66726-7724

JOHN R. WELLS, JR.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

John R. Wells, Jr., rescued Aerin D. and Joshua J. Radmacher from burning, Seattle, Washington, January 27, 1993. Aerin, 2, and Joshua, 3, were in the basement of their family's house when fire broke out in the furnace and filled the basement with dense smoke. A neighbor, Wells, 35, customer service technician, was alerted to the fire by the boys' mother. He broke out a sliding glass door in a wall of the basement, entered the house, and heard moaning. Wells followed the sound of the moaning and located Aerin, who was well into the basement, between a couch and a wall. Wells removed Aerin from the house, then, despite worsening fire conditions, re-entered the basement for Joshua. He found Joshua near where he had located Aerin and took him outside. Both boys were hospitalized four days for treatment of smoke inhalation, and Joshua sustained burns. Wells sustained minor smoke inhalation, for which he was treated at the scene, and he recovered the next day.

67484-7758

JOE WAYNE WHEELDON
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Joe Wayne Wheeldon saved Dennis A. Fisher from being struck by a train, Lansing, Michigan, August 4, 1992. Fisher, 30, lay dazed on a railroad track as a freight train approached. Wheeldon, 27, who lived near the scene, was alerted to the situation and ran to the track. Although the train was in emergency braking, the front of the lead locomotive bore down on Fisher as Wheeldon approached, leaned over him into the path of the train, and seized him by his clothing. The train was just seconds away when Wheeldon yanked Fisher off the track, and it continued for about 800 feet before stopping.

67069-7736

DAVID ALAN WHITE
TACOMA, WASHINGTON

David Alan White saved Erich P. and Elias A. Hoffmann from burning, Tacoma, Washington, January 28, 1993. After fire broke out in a bedroom of their family's one-story house, Erich, 3, and his brother Elias, 2, were

attempting to escape with their mother. They crawled from the boys' bedroom past the burning room and toward the living room. White, 40, a neighbor, saw smoke and flame issuing from the house and ran to the scene. Hearing moaning from inside the house, he dropped to his hands and knees and crawled through the smoke-filled living room to where he found the boys and their mother, who were then lying on the floor. He picked the boys up and, holding one in each arm, went back through the living room and exited the house, the boys' mother following. Elias sustained a burn to one leg, and he recovered. White was given oxygen at the scene but was otherwise uninjured. 67507-7784

MARK WHITE
CANYON COUNTRY, CALIFORNIA

Mark White saved Sally Swanson from drowning, Santa Clarita, California, February 10, 1992. Ms. Swanson, 54, was driving across the Sand Canyon flood control channel, which was flooded, when her van stalled. She exited the vehicle to leave the wash, but the current proved too swift for her and the cold water soon exhausted her in her attempt to swim to the bank. A resident of the vicinity, Mark, 17, high school student, was watching the floodwaters when he saw Ms. Swanson being swept downstream. He ran along the wash to a point ahead of her, then entered the water and positioned himself to seize her. When Ms. Swanson approached, Mark grabbed and held her, but he was knocked off his feet. Both he and Ms. Swanson were pulled downstream about 150 feet before Mark succeeded in grabbing a branch overhanging the bank of the wash. He pulled Ms. Swanson and himself out of the wash, then, after resting, carried her to a nearby residence from which she was flown to a hospital. Exhausted, Ms. Swanson suffered hypothermia, multiple bruises, and cuts, but she recovered. Mark was tired and cold, and he too recovered. 66563-7701

JAMES A. WHITLEY, DECEASED
LILBURN, GEORGIA

James A. Whitley died after attempting to rescue Virginia M. Sanders from assault, Decatur, Georgia, October 12, 1991. Ms. Sanders, 23, was sitting in the driver's seat of her automobile, which was parked in front of a

supermarket, when a man armed with a loaded handgun approached and ordered her to get out of the car. The man grabbed her and pulled her from the car, then shoved her head against it and pushed her to the ground, firing his gun during the assault. The assailant then entered the car, during which time Ms. Sanders sought refuge behind one of the columns at the front of the store. A supermarket employee, Whitley, 19, high school student, had been sitting inside his vehicle, which was parked nearby. He exited the vehicle and was running toward the scene when the assailant shot him twice. The assailant then fled but was later apprehended. Ms. Sanders was treated at the scene for bruises and abrasions, and she recovered. Whitley's wounds were fatal.

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JOHN WINSTEAD
GOODLETTSVILLE, TENNESSEE

John Winstead rescued Sheri H. Prow from assault, Madison, Tennessee, January 14, 1991. As she entered her automobile, which was parked in the lot of a supermarket, Ms. Prow, 24, was approached by a man who was armed with a knife. He threatened her and, in an ensuing struggle, inflicted numerous stab wounds. Winstead, 35, engineering technician, was nearby in the parking lot when he witnessed the assault. He ran to Ms. Prow's car and, approaching the assailant from behind, grabbed him to pull him away from Ms. Prow. The assailant then struggled with and stabbed Winstead in the chest and side. Ms. Prow fled back to the supermarket. Winstead and another man who then arrived wrestled the assailant to the ground and held him until police arrived and arrested him. Ms. Prow and Winstead were both hospitalized for treatment, including surgery, of their wounds, and they recovered, Winstead spending more than two weeks in the hospital.

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1993 AWARD STATISTICS

MEDALS

In 1993, ninety-two Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 7,787 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 68,368 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 1993, fourteen such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,590:

Michael Alex Chelik	Clinton Carl Quaka
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Michael Cullinane, Sr.	Kevin J. Shriel
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David Keith Jarnagin	Shane Smith
John Wendell MacLean	Teddy Spruill
Steven L. Pritchard	James A. Whitley

MONETARY GRANTS

	1993	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 232,670	\$12,237,811
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	<u>308,327</u>	<u>8,246,708</u>
	\$ 540,997	\$ 20,484,519

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